

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 5 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is important for us to understand where we stand at this point. At this point, we have completed the Defense bill and the Homeland Security bill, but we still at this point have not seen the Congress complete action on a single domestic appropriation bill.

So what we are facing is the need within the next 2 weeks, in my view, to try to finish our work, and I think we have a responsibility to do so. The Congress left town for almost 6 weeks for the election. Now because of that long period of time, we face the fact that we still have a huge amount of appropriations work to do.

The House produced final action on every single one of the appropriation bills except the Labor-HHS, and the Senate is in the process, I hope, of moving those bills forward. The Senate passed the Military Construction bill yesterday. It is my understanding that they are taking up the Agriculture bill this week and will also perhaps take up the Energy and Water bill. I hope that is the case. I agree with the gentleman that I would much prefer to see these bills handled in regular order, one by one, on a separate basis.

Having said that, my primary purpose is to see to it that they move, and I care less about how they move than whether they move, and I think most American citizens feel the same way. I think we have a duty to finish action on all of these bills, and I think it would be sad, indeed, if we were to adjourn this Congress with local units of government, local school boards, local program managers and State program managers not having any idea what the final resolution of these bills will be.

So while I certainly agree with the gentleman that it is preferable to move individual bills, I am open to any suggestion procedurally in order to finish that work. We have cooperated on the minority side of the aisle.

We have cooperated procedurally with the majority on every single appropriation bill, even though we have not agreed with the contents on some of those bills. I am willing to entertain procedural compromises. I am willing to entertain substantive compromises. But we need to try to move all of these bills by whatever method makes it possible to do so.

I would simply note, there is one bill that remains in the House for us to act on, and I am perfectly willing to try to work out additional compromises on that bill if that will help the bill to move. I don't like the idea that the Senate might wind up moving first on that bill, but even then, I think our primary obligation is to get this work done.

So I would urge the leadership and I would urge the gentleman and anyone else interested to please recognize that it would be irresponsible for this Congress not to finish its work. I would like to see a more productive closing to

this session of Congress than has often been the case, and I am perfectly willing to work with anybody on any day in any way in order to get that done.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 100.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the joint resolution was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Concurring in the Senate amendments to H.R. 5585, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 1078, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

FINANCIAL NETTING IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and concurring in the Senate amendments to the bill, H.R. 5585.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill, H.R. 5585, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 395, nays 0, not voting 37, as follows:

[Roll No. 522]

YEAS—395

Abercrombie	Berkley	Boyd	Hinojosa	Moran (KS)
Ackerman	Berman	Bradley (NH)	Hobson	Moran (VA)
Aderholt	Berry	Brady (PA)	Hoekstra	Murphy
Akin	Biggert	Brady (TX)	Holden	Musgrave
Alexander	Billbray	Brown (OH)	Holt	Myrick
Allen	Bilirakis	Brown (SC)	Honda	Nadler
Andrews	Bishop (GA)	Brown, Corrine	Hooley	Napolitano
Baca	Bishop (NY)	Brown-Waite,	Hostettler	Neal (MA)
Bachus	Bishop (UT)	Ginny	Hoyer	Neugebauer
Baird	Blackburn	Burgess	Hulshof	Northup
Baker	Blumenauer	Burton (IN)	Hunter	Nunes
Baldwin	Blunt	Butterfield	Inglis (SC)	Nussle
Barrett (SC)	Boehler	Buyer	Inslee	Oberstar
Barrow	Boehner	Calvert	Israel	Obey
Bartlett (MD)	Bonilla	Camp (MI)	Issa	Oliver
Barton (TX)	Bonner	Campbell (CA)	Istook	Ortiz
Bass	Boren	Cannon	Jackson (IL)	Osborne
Bean	Boswell	Cantor	Jackson-Lee	Otter
Beauprez	Boucher	Capito	(TX)	Owens
Becerra	Boustany	Capps	Jefferson	Oxley
			Jenkins	Pallone
			Johnson (IL)	Pascarell
			Johnson, E. B.	Pastor
			Johnson, Sam	Paul
			Jones (NC)	Payne
			Jones (OH)	Pearce
			Kanjorski	Pence
			Kaptur	Peterson (MN)
			Keller	Peterson (PA)
			Kelly	Petri
			Kennedy (MN)	Pickering
			Kennedy (RI)	Pitts
			Kildee	Platts
			Kind	Poe
			King (IA)	Pombo
			King (NY)	Pomeroy
			Kingston	Porter
			Kirk	Price (GA)
			Kline	Price (NC)
			Knollenberg	Pryce (OH)
			Kolbe	Putnam
			Kucinich	Radanovich
			LaHood	Ramstad
			Langevin	Rangel
			Lantos	Regula
			Larsen (WA)	Rehberg
			Larson (CT)	Reichert
			Latham	Renzi
			LaTourette	Reyes
			Leach	Reynolds
			Lee	Rogers (AL)
			Levin	Rogers (KY)
			Lewis (CA)	Rogers (MI)
			Lewis (GA)	Rohrabacher
			Linder	Ros-Lehtinen
			Lipinski	Ross
			LoBiondo	Rothman
			Lowey	Royal-Allard
			Lucas	Royce
			Lungren, Daniel	Ruppersberger
			E.	Rush
			Lynch	Ryan (OH)
			Maloney	Ryan (WI)
			Manzullo	Ryun (KS)
			Marchant	Salazar
			Marshall	Sánchez, Linda
			Matheson	T.
			Matsui	Sanchez, Loretta
			McCarthy	Sanders
			McCaul (TX)	Saxton
			McCollum (MN)	Shakowsky
			McCotter	Schiff
			McCrery	Schmidt
			McDermott	Schwartz (PA)
			McGovern	Schwarz (MI)
			McHenry	Scott (GA)
			McHugh	Scott (VA)
			McIntyre	Sekula Gibbs
			McKeon	Sensenbrenner
			McKinney	Serrano
			McMorris	Sessions
			Rodgers	Shadegg
			McNulty	Shaw
			Meehan	Shays
			Meek (FL)	Sherman
			Meeks (NY)	Sherwood
			Melancon	Shuster
			Mica	Simpson
			Michaud	Sires
			Millender-	Skelton
			McDonald	Smith (NJ)
			Miller (FL)	Smith (TX)
			Miller (MI)	Smith (WA)
			Miller (NC)	Snyder
			Miller, Gary	Sodrel
			Miller, George	Solis
			Mollohan	Souder
			Moore (KS)	Spratt
			Moore (WI)	Stark